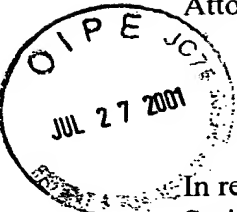


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In re: Witmer, et al.
Serial No.: 09/840,742
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For: METHODS FOR FACILITATING THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF CUSTOM HOME NETWORKING SYSTEMS

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1. A copy of the Cover Sheet for the Application showing the Express Mail signature and date of April 23, 2001 on Page 2; and
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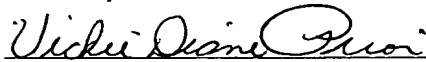
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Enclosed are:

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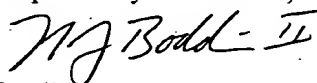
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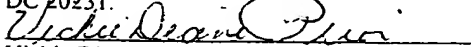
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